

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-20 (canceled)

21. (Currently amended) A method of inhibiting a collagenase, comprising:  
  
providing a compound comprising boron that is complexed by at least one ligand;  
  
recognizing that the compound inhibits a collagenase; and  
  
presenting the compound to the collagenase.
22. (Previously presented) The method of claim 21 wherein the collagenase has a specificity towards at least one of type I collagen and type IV collagen.
23. (Previously presented) The method of claim 21 wherein the boron is present as a borate.
24. (Previously presented) The method of claim 23 wherein the ligand is selected from the group consisting of a carbohydrate, an amino acid, and an ascorbate.
25. (Previously presented) The method of claim 24 wherein the carbohydrate is selected from the group consisting of fructose, glucose, mannitol, and sorbitol.
26. (Previously presented) The method of claim 24 wherein the amino acid is serine or threonine.
27. (Previously presented) The method of claim 24 wherein the ascorbate is vitamin C.
28. (Previously presented) The method of claim 21 wherein the collagenase is located in skin.
29. (Previously presented) The method of claim 21 wherein the compound is formulated in a liposome formulation.
30. (Previously presented) The method of claim 21 wherein the boron compound is selected from the group consisting of magnesium fructoborate, and magnesium boroascorbate.